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All the Ice Cream You Can Eat

at the Science Museum of Virginia

RICHMOND - Celebrate summer with a huge party. Race through a maze. Find out about brain freeze. Test your aim with a medieval siege machine. Cheer on your favorite rat basketball player. See kung fu demonstrations from the Shaolin Dragon School. Dig for fossils. And eat ice cream - plenty of ice cream. It's all at the Science Museum of Virginia's Scooper Bowl XVI on Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Race a friend through a maze of tubes and hills, a climbing wall and down a slide at the inflatable obstacle slide. Become an archeologist as you dig in sand for shark's tooth fossils. Build a sand castle. Bounce on an inflated moonwalk.

Splat! A water balloon misses its mark and lands outside a swimming pool target. What is that strange looking machine hurling water balloons? It's a trebuchet - that's pronounced tre-bue-SHAY. Look for it operating at 11 a.m., noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Trebuchets were used in the Middle Ages to attack enemy castles.

Keep an eye out for a booth called Genetics Help 5C/. Virginia Commonwealth University graduate students can show you how brain freeze happens when you eat ice cream. Work with them to trace who else in your family gets brain freeze. With that on your mind, you may want to participate in ice cream-making with a twist at Super Cool at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.

Check out the basketball playing rats at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Create colorful sidewalk art using chalk. Keep an eye out for Uncle Curt and Hugs as they make balloon animals, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Help folks from Shop4Science set off diet soda and mint geysers at 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Want to adopt a cat or dog? Step right up to the Richmond SPCA Tail Wag'N. Pet a greyhound and meet folks from the Richmond Chapter of Greyhound Pets of America. Stand on a shaky balance board at BioExpress exhibits. BZZZZZ! Want to stop that noise? Find a way to keep the board level. It's tricky. Build a bridge strong enough to walk across at Science-by-Van

exhibits.

Watch for the colorful and fast moving Shaolin Dragon kung fu performance at 1 p.m. Take a spin on a Segway. Discover what it's like to walk on the moon. Test your space docking skills on air chairs. Pet a corn snake. Create a garden glove to take home. Make a straw kazoo.

Join musical fun with DJ Rick Danger. Watch for roving magicians from International Magicians. Take part in hula hoop contests with DJ Christian Fleming from Manny Green Entertainment. Check out jump rope expertise of the Swingers at noon. Stop by the Big Brothers Big Sisters table to buy a duck for the upcoming Duck Race.

Back to the all important ice cream. Feast on heaps of Breyers(R) Ice Cream with lots of toppings. Choose from cookies and cream, vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, mint chocolate chip and butter pecan. You can always come back for another flavor. Add chocolate syrup, candy, sprinkles and cookies. Want a root beer float? Look for Mug Root Beer from the Pepsi Bottling Group. Stop by the Vitamin Water vehicle for games and samples. Free drinking water is from Diamond Springs. If you're looking for non-ice cream related food, purchase barbecue from Buzz and Ned's, popcorn from SMV Snax or a sandwich from Cafe Portico.

For a completely different experience, see Kung Fu Panda: The IMAX Experience. Meet an animated polar bear named Po. Can he turn his dreams of becoming a kung fu master into reality? Or see the giant screen film Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk. Ride wild Colorado River rapids - without getting wet.

Scooper Bowl is sponsored by Good Humor-Breyers, **Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen**, CarMax, Kraft, Richmond SPCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mug Root Beer and Vitamin Water. Kung Fu Panda is a Paramount Pictures release presented by DreamWorks Animation. The film features the voices of Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane, Jackie Chan, Seth Rogan, Lucy Liu, David Cross, Randall Duk Kim, James Hong, Michael Clark Duncan and Dan Fogler. The film is rated PG for sequences of martial arts action. Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk is produced by MacGillivray Freeman Films and MacGillivray Freeman Films Educational Foundation in association with Waterkeeper Alliance and Museum Film Network, which includes the Science Museum of Virginia. Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk is presented by Teva and supported by Kohler Company. Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk is sponsored at the Science Museum of Virginia by Patient First.

Scooper Bowl is held rain or shine. A Scooper Bowl ticket is \$12 or \$4 for museum members. Tickets for Scooper Bowl and Kung Fu Panda are \$22 for youth ages 4-12 and seniors 60+ and \$23 for adults ages 13-59. Tickets for Scooper Bowl and Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk are \$16.50 for youth ages 4-12 and seniors 60+ and \$17.50 for adults ages 13-59. For Science Museum information call 804-864-1400 or 800-659-1727 or visit <http://www.smv.org/>. The Science Museum is located at 2500 West Broad Street.

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